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The English Way.

Suppose that a man who had stood in the same relation to the social and public life of this country that Sir Roger Casement occupied in England were accused of treason, how long would it have taken the courts of this country to give a final judgment on the case? It could have been prolonged several years through various technicalities that in no wise related to the guilt or innocence of the accused. We do not know that England was justified in putting this man to death, but the fact that she could and did do what her customs and laws demanded in so short a time, is certainly a tribute to her judicial system. She found out what she wanted to do without waiting years and spending countless sums to ascertain. They do have caste and privilege in England, but when a man violates the law he is dealt with on the basis of his offense and not on his standing in society. A criminal is a criminal in England.

With the Deutschland.

The absorbing question of whether the German under sea boat would get out safely has been settled. Most people were entirely in sympathy with the captain and crew of the craft, regardless of their feelings on the larger question of the war. Many of the most intense sympathizers of the Allies hoped the Deutschland would make it and get safely back home just because they admire pluck and skill and sympathize with the under dog. The Captain should understand this, whether he does or not. It is one of the marvels of German mentality that they do not seem to understand other people. The Captain evidently expected to be insulted or rotten egged in this country. It will be just like him, surprised as he was by the cordial feeling encountered, to go home and say that America wants to see Germany lick her enemies.

Did He Give 'Em a Gold Brick?

The worst thing about American politics is that it apparently makes it necessary for both sides to be unfair and ungenerous. The big politicians are no freer from it than the small ones. This one feature alone takes Mr. Wilson out of the class of most American politicians and puts him in the statesman class if we have such a class. Because he does not engage in senseless harrangues against the opposition he is said to be an idealist. Those who are looking for statesmanship rather than mere partisan effort, hoped that in Mr. Hughes the country would have such another man and one who would be bigger than his party. He has made his speech of acceptance and outside of the thick and thin partisan press it was a disappointment. Even the New York Tribune, the leading Republican paper of the country, feels that it must have other reasons than his speech to support him, and takes him on the ground that any Republican is better than any Democrat. Mr. Hughes was expected to tell why a man like Mr. Wilson should be turned out and a new man put in. But he did not. He did not even give Mr. Wilson credit for anything whatever. His criticisms sound all the world like the town knocker who is always dissatisfied with the board of alderman without being able to suggest a thing by way of improvement.

Thirty-seven well known writers, all of them independent in politics, but all trained to know chaff from wheat, have addressed a letter to Mr. Hughes asking him to cut out the buncombe and tell candidly what he would have done in specific instances and what he proposes to do. This list of writers contains such men as Irvin S. Cobb, Ray Stannard Baker, Ellis Parker Butler and George Creel. It is the most serious comment that has been made upon the lamentable failure of Mr. Hughes to rise out of the partisan class. It follows:

"To the Honorable Charles E. Hughes: The professional writers who sign this letter have small interest in parties, but a very deep interest in democracy. It is our hope, through this voluntary association, to assist in the promotion of honest, educational discussion in order that fundamental issues may not be decided in prejudices and ignorance.

"Mr. Wilson's beliefs have been expressed in law and in declared policies. He has made an open record by which he may be judged. Wise choice is not possible unless you yourself make equally specific statement of purposes and convictions.

"Without intent to offend, we feel justified in charging that in no single public utterance have you filed a bona

fide bill of particulars nor have you offered a single constructive suggestion.

"Personalities are without value. Blanket criticism is worthless. What we desire to know, what it is fair that the electorate should know, are the exact details of your disagreement with Wilson. What has he done that you would not have done, and what has he failed to do that you would have done or will do? Honesty and patriotism demand that you put yourself upon record in such manner as to permit people to judge you as they are now able to judge President Wilson. For example:

"Would you have filed instant protest against the invasion of Belgium and backed up that protest with the United States Navy?

"It is arrant nonsense to talk about action that would have prevented the Lusitania tragedy. The vague advertisement did not appear until shortly before the hour of sailing. The occurrence was one of those things that civilization has made the world regard as incredible. The only honest question to this: Would you have made the disaster the subject of diplomatic negotiations or would you have broken relations with Germany at once?

"Would you have urged upon Congress an embargo upon the shipment of munitions to the Allies?

"Would you urge universal compulsory military service?

"You are frank in stating that Huerta's morals were of no concern to America. Does this mean that you would have recognized Huerta?

"As matters stand today, would you be in favor of intervening in Mexico?

"Does your attack upon the Wilson Shipping Bill mean that you are in favor of subsidies?

"You speak enthusiastically of the rights of the worker. Does this imply that you endorse the Clayton Anti-Trust Law and the Seamen's Bill? Or will you urge their repeal?

"What are your specific complaints against the Federal Reserve Law?

"As Governor of New York you opposed the income tax amendment. Does this antagonism persist? Do you or do you not believe in paying for preparedness out of a tax on incomes, inheritances and munitions?

"We agree with you that it is a 'critical period,' by far too critical, in deed, for candidates to talk in terms of office-seeking rather than in the simple, earnest language of definite Americanism."

When Mr. Roosevelt was considering the question of supporting Mr. Hughes in case he could not himself get the nomination, he said that there was danger in giving the party another gold brick as he did in the case of Taft. It appears that so far as statesmanship is concerned Mr. Hughes is a gold brick. If he can't say what way he would have done better he ought to be big enough man to at least give Mr. Wilson some credit for the tremendous load he has been under as President of the United States. If he is too ungenerous to do this he certainly could not be more than a mere partisan president.

A Thought For the Week.

There is no month in the whole year in which nature wears a more beautiful appearance than in the month of August. Spring has many beauties, and May is a fresh and blooming month, but the charms of this time of year are enhanced by their contrast with the winter season. August has no such advantage. It comes when we remember nothing but clear skies, green fields and sweet smelling flowers—when the recollection of snow, and ice, and bleak winds has faded from our minds as completely as they have disappeared from the earth; and yet what a pleasant time it is! Orchards and corn fields ring with the hum of labor; trees bend beneath the thick cluster of rich fruit, which bow their branches to the ground; and the corn, piled in graceful sheaves, or waving in every light breeze that sweeps above it, as if it wooed the sickle, tinges the landscape with a golden hue. A mellow softness appears to hang over the whole earth.—Charles Dickens, in "Pickwick Papers."

Got Some Fish.

Pageant Journal. The right to fish Merrimon's pond seven miles south of Chesterfield was purchased recently for seventy-five dollars by parties from this section, and last Thursday and Friday the fishing was done. The crowd of more than seventy-five men was composed principally of men from this section, who paid a dollar for a share. The pond of about a hundred acres was drained Thursday and the fishing began about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, continued well into the night and until the afternoon of Friday. Cooking began soon after the fishing started, and was kept up most of the time as long as the crowd remained. It is estimated that about a thousand pounds of fish were caught, consisting of trout, perch, cat, jack, brim, etc. Mr. G. R. Knight thinks he killed the largest fish. It was a five and three quarters trout. The pond had not been drained in several years. It is said. Two or three acres remained under water, and it is thought that not more than half the fish were caught. Seines, dip nets, sticks, hands, etc., were used in the game.

Marshville Is Going Some.

Marshville Home. The dates for holding the Marshville Agricultural Fair are October 18, 19, 20 and 21—Four big days. It is hoped to have Gov. Bickett here to open the fair. As has already been announced, Ex-Gov. Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina, will be here to speak on Saturday the 21st.

Lanes Creek Couple Married.

Parceland Journal. Mr. Augustus Riggins and Miss Lola Davis, both of Lanes Creek township, were married here Sunday morning about 10:30 by Magistrate G. M. Rodgers. Mr. Riggins is a son of Mr. E. J. Riggins. Mrs. Riggins is a daughter of Mr. P. G. Davis. Both are popular and deserving, and quite a number of friends wish them success and happiness together.

THE OLD PEACOCK STRUTS NO MORE

Like Some Folks, He Tells That Everything Depends Upon His Personal Adornment—Lem Has a New Ford.

Correspondence of The Journal. Wingate, August 2.—Just as the farmers began to hit the ground in high places the weather man gave it another dose which kept the grass they had plowed and hoed alive and at the same time gave fresh impetus to that which has not been disturbed, so that the prospect for a final victory for General Green is eminent and is quite discouraging to the corn and cotton interest. But we ought to rejoice that we have any prospect for a crop at all when we remember the storm and flood swept region.

Miss Estell Mason of Thomasville is visiting Miss Naomi Hinson at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hinson.

Since the big drop in the price of the Ford automobiles Mr. Lem Watson, our kind and accommodating carrier on E. F. D. 2 of Wingate, has just treated himself to a brand new car. Maybe, if Mr. Ford keeps on reducing the price most of us poor folks will be able to own one if only a second-hand contraption.

I was made to say in my last letter in regard to the rapid growth of Mr. Womble's fish that they had grown to be sixteen inches long. Now that sounds altogether too fishy. It should have read six inches. That's big enough.

Mr. W. T. Redfearn, who has been taking a summer course at Chapel Hill, returned last Thursday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Redfearn of Wingate.

Here's thanks to Wild Rose and Padersky for expressions of sympathy and kind regards for O. P. T. and his household. The same in fullest measure to you, my good friends.

His friends will be sorry to learn that Mr. Perney Stewart's case has developed into one of genuine typhoid fever. The latest word from his bedside, however, is that he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Bud Phifer, we are glad to report, is recovering nicely from a right serious case of ptomain poisoning, "resulting from eating watermelon at a time when her system was weak and in poor condition," so thinks the doctor. Moral: Don't eat melons nor much of anything when not well.

Mrs. B. Y. Tyner of Fredericksburg, Va., is visiting the family of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bivens. Little Miss Dorothy, Mrs. Tyner's sister, who had been spending some time with Prof. and Mrs. Tyner, returned home with her sister.

Mr. Lee Chaney left Thursday for Baden where he will engage in the employ of the aluminum company at that place. Mrs. Chaney remarked that there was getting to be quite a number of grass widows as a result of that Baden industry, to which the writer suggested that it was a mighty good time for it, for there is no lack of grass.

There will be a free moving picture show in the auditorium of the Wingate School building on next Saturday night, beginning at eight o'clock sharp. This show is backed by the State Board of Health and will be under the management of Dr. Stevens, our county physician. No further proof of the high order and the beneficial influence of these shows is needed. Every reel will be found to be of the highest order and will be both instructive and amusing. Remember that it is free to the entire public and is given for the benefit of all who will attend. Be sure and go.

Big meeting time is approaching, even at the doors in some localities. I reckon it is well. For if we are to judge of our religion by the scriptural standard, we shall conclude that whatever of the genuine article we had, has about oozed out of the vessels of some of us, so that they need replenishing. Perhaps it will be well for us to sterilize, disinfect, cleanse and purify as far as possible our vessels before refilling. We may sing ever so sweetly, pray ever so fervently and preach ever so eloquently, we shall never enter the pearly gates with hearts filled with malice, envy and bitterness toward our brother or fellowman.

Never within the memory of this scribe has he seen gardens as complete failures as at this time. The storm destroyed about all the crop of vegetables. Beans, tomatoes, squashes and cucumbers have ceased to grow and fruit and have wilted down and either dying or dead. Then it has been so wet since the storm that it has been impossible in most cases to make other plantings; besides, the garden is completely overrun with grass. How we shall miss our usual supply of wholesome, delicious garden sass. Plenty of time yet, however, to raise a crop from the seed provided we can have weather conditions suitable in a few more days. Plant as fast as the ground dries sufficiently.

Mrs. O. P. T. deplumed the old peacock the other day and so humiliated him that he has hardly spoke above a whisper since. He utters a faint, feeble squawk now and then, more from force of habit than otherwise. He doesn't chase and tease the dog or old rooster, nor does he strut so vainly and arrogantly around every strange horse or other object that he discovers. He quietly secludes himself among the shrubbery and seems to want to avoid society as much as possible. How like human beings! But as if to retaliate for the loss of his beauty, the old rascal just shows us how nimble and spry he can fly over the garden wire and help himself to the grapes and vegetables.—O. P. Timist.

Old Soldiers at Morven.

Wadesboro Ansonian. The good town of Morven has invited the Old Soldiers and their friends to picnic with them on next Wednesday, it being the occasion of the annual reunion of the Veterans of the county. Dinner will be served on the grounds and Hon. T. W. Rickon, the Democratic nominee for Governor of North Carolina, will be the speaker of the day. He will be introduced by Hon. Lee D. Robinson of Wadesboro, the Democratic nominee of the Seventh Congressional District.

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